

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are pending.

The Office Action included a copy of the form PTO/SB/08 filed with the original application papers. However, the two Japanese references were crossed out, indicating that the Examiner did not consider them. The background of the invention section of the specification contains a description of the materiality of those references. For at least this reason, those references should have been considered. It is requested that the form PTO/SB/08 be returned initialed with the next Office Action.

The specification was objected to as being “incomprehensible.” It is believed that the Examiner is referring to the fact that the justification in the document submitted was such that in certain lines, the spaces between the words appeared to run together. In response, a re-formatted version of exactly the same text originally filed is being submitted herewith as a substitute specification, claims and abstract. In the re-formatted version, the full justification has been removed and the spaces between the words are very clear, making it much easier to read. The submittal of the substitute specification, claims and abstract is believed to obviate the objection. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-11 were objected to on similar grounds. The substitute specification, claims and abstract includes the original claims and their formatting has been adjusted to ensure that they are legible. Withdrawal of the objection is requested.

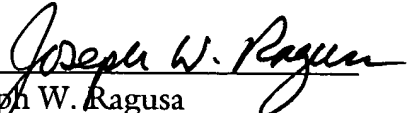
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In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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